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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 14101

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ASEC  
SUBJECT: KIDNAP - CANADIAN CITIZEN

REF: ROME 14026

1. KIDNAPPER CONTACTED BORBIRO AT 12:50 PM, AUGUST 30, 1977,  
AT HOTEL MEDITERRANEO IN ROME. BORBIRO INFORMED CALLER NO  
PAY-OFF WAS POSSIBLE THAT DATE BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY IN  
GETTING FUNDS TOGETHER.

2. FOLLOWING ABOVE CALL BORBIRO HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSION WITH  
ITALIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) IN EFFORT TO EXPEDITE IMPORTATION  
INTO ITALY OF \$200,000 FROM GERMANY FOR PAY-OFF. INP DIS-  
CUSSED MATTER WITH ITALIAN MAGISTRATE AND MAGISTRATE HAS  
ORDERED, IN EFFECT, THAT NO ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO  
BORBIRO TO ACQUIRE FUNDS AND THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO  
KEEP HIM FROM ACQUIRING FUNDS SINCE TO ASSIST HIM ITALIAN  
AUTHORITIES WOULD BECOME ACCOMPLICES TO THE CRIME OF  
KIDNAPPING. IN LIGHT OF THIS IF BORBIRO WERE TO PERSIST  
IN EFFORTS TO MAKE PAY-OFF, HE MIGHT HIMSELF BE  
OPEN TO ARREST FOLLOWING SUCH PAY-OFF. IN LIGHT OF  
ABOVE, BORBIRO HAS STOPPED EFFORTS TO ACQUIRE RANSOM  
FUNDS IN ITALY.

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3. AT APPROXIMATELY 6 P.M., AUGUST 30, 1977, BORBIRO  
RECEIVED ANOTHER CALL AT THE HOTEL MEDITERRANEO FROM  
KIDNAPPER. AT THAT TIME BORBIRO EXPLAINED THAT IT  
WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO GET FUNDS TO PAY RANSOM  
IN ITALY AND SUGGESTED KIDNAPPERS CHANGE SITE OF PAYMENT  
TO GERMANY, SWITZERLAND OR PORTUGAL. THE CALLER MERELY

LISTENED TO WHAT BORBIRO HAD TO SAY WITHOUT COMMENT AND THEN TOLD BORBIRO HE WOULD CALL AGAIN THE EVENING OF AUGUST 30 OR DURING THE DAY OF AUGUST 31, 1977.

4. AT APPROXIMATELY 10 A.M., AUGUST 31, 1977, BORBIRO RECEIVED A CALL IN WHICH CALLER STATED THEY STILL WISH PAYMENT IN ITALY BUT NOW ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT ITALIAN LIRE. BORBIRO REITERATED THAT PAYMENT IN ITALY WAS ABSOLUTELY IMPOSSIBLE. CALLER STATED HE WOULD CHECK FURTHER AND CALL AGAIN.HOLMES

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